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Sir:

Upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance of March 2, 2004 in the application identified above, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendment.

An amendment to the Specification is on page 2 of this paper.

An amendment to the Drawings begins on page 3 of this paper, and includes both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.